

NEWS BRIEFS

Fitness month race

The fitness and sports center’s Race Around the Runway begins at 8 a.m. Saturday at the center. Registration begins at 7:40 a.m. Call Ext. 2772.

Sports day

Partners in Progress Sports Day is Wednesday at Freedom Park. People who would like to volunteer can call the family support center at Ext. 2790.

Office closed

The commercial travel office is closed Thursday and May 24. Anyone with business on these days can call (800) 639-0689.

Memorial Day ceremony

A Memorial Day ceremony begins at 4 p.m. May 24 at the Wing Ceremonial Plaza. The names of four Columbus AFB graduates added to the Memorial Wall will be revealed. People are highly encouraged to attend.

New medal dates

People who served on active duty from Sept. 11 until a date yet to be determined are now qualified to wear the National Defense Service Medal. Personnel flights will update all records, so no action is required by those affected.

Bronze stars for additional awards, such as the Vietnam era or the Gulf War, are authorized.

Property shipment

In accordance with Department of Defense directive 4500.9R, installation commanders and supervisors should allow enough time off from duties for people to receive counseling and arrange for shipment of personal property. Call Ext. 2573.

Mission Report

As of Wednesday

T-37

Goal: 1,805

Flown: 1,709

T-1A

Goal: 1,327.0 hrs.

Flown: 1,317.6 hrs.

T-38

Goal: 936

Flown: 823



2nd Lt. Joseph Coslett

Plane security

Airman Kris Legault, 14th Mission Support Squadron and 14th Security Forces Squadron augmentee; Senior Airman Nancy Cummings, 14th SFS; and Airman 1st Class Jin O, 14th Medical Support Squadron and 14th SFS augmentee, set up a portable lighttail for nighttime security of a Navy E-6A Take Charge and Move Out mission aircraft Monday with two hours’ notice. The E-6A TACAMO stopped at Columbus AFB overnight while on real-world alert for a weather diversion. The TACAMO provides survivable, reliable, endurable airborne command, control and communications between the National Command Authority and U.S. strategic and non-strategic forces.

Candlelight vigil honors policemen, dog

Staff Sgt. Kyle Ford

Public affairs

A candlelight vigil kicked off the events of National Police Week Monday at the Wing Ceremonial Plaza.

The names of the 72 police officers and one police dog killed in New York on Sept. 11 were read, and the candles were lit to remember all officers who died in the line of duty.

May 15 was designated National Police Officer’s Memorial Day in 1962 by President John F. Kennedy and the week containing May 15 was designated National Police Week.

“Police week events at Columbus Air Force Base recognize the people who put their lives on the line daily to protect and serve the public, especially those who paid the ultimate sacrifice,” said Staff Sgt. Albert Verastegui, 14th Security Forces Squadron. “We additionally want to offer a special salute to the more than 15,000 police officers who have died in the line of duty dating



Tech. Sgt. Jim Moser

Staff Sgt. Curtis Taylor and Master Sgt. Raymond Patten, 14th Security Forces Squadron, light candles during a candlelight vigil Monday.

back to the first recorded law enforcement fatality in 1792.”

Reflection and remembrance were the watchwords of security forces people this week.

“This week gives us a chance to

remember what everyone in protection services has done to serve and protect us — from firefighters and policemen to emergency medical technicians,”

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BLAZE Safety Day begins critical days of summer

Airman Alexis Lloyd

Public affairs

BLAZE Safety Day May 24 features squadron safety activities and safety briefings in the theater.

This year’s Safety Day coincides with the start of the Air Force’s “101 Critical Days of Summer” safety campaign, which begins the weekend of Memorial Day and ends the Labor Day weekend.

“The BLAZE Safety Day brings squadrons and the base community together to ensure everyone has the right sight picture to enjoy the summer season safely,” said Col. Tom Quelly, 14th Flying Training Wing commander.

Safety will be the theme throughout the day with four briefings.

The 14th Support Group, 14th Medical Group and non-flyers from the 14th Operations Group

will attend the briefing at 10 a.m. and 2 p.m.

The 37th Flying Training Squadron, 48th Flying Training Squadron and some of the 43rd Flying Training Squadron will attend the 8 a.m. briefing.

The 41st Flying Training Squadron, 50th Flying Training Squadron and the rest of the 43rd FTS will attend the 2 p.m. briefing.

Each squadron will conduct seminars, safety training and other safety activities. The 14th FTW Safety Office has suggested activities including work center safety meetings, hazard hunts, spring cleaning, risk management seminars, sports and recreation activities, Air Force job safety, fire prevention and health training.

“The BLAZE team had no reportable mishaps during last year’s ‘101 Critical Days of Summer,’” said Theodore Zoska Jr., 14th FTW ground safety manager. “Let’s continue this trend and go mishap-free once again.”

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said Staff Sgt. Michael Grey, 14th SFS. “We reflect on how those people sacrificed themselves for the good of the community.”

For the security forces commander, Maj. David Briar, this week is more than remembering his comrades.

It’s a week of remembering what he may be called to do. “It’s sobering to know that I may have to make the ultimate sacrifice in the course of my duty.”

Other memorial functions included a luncheon and a bowl-a-thon with proceeds going to the National Police Officer’s Memorial

Fund Wednesday. A National Police Week Parade was Thursday, with McGruff, The Crime Dog, leading the way through base housing areas. The final event of the week was a 5K Fun Run today.

“I appreciate the efforts of all the airmen and NCOs who put together all the events of the week,” Briar said. “This effort is important to expanding community awareness and highlighting the role that security forces plays in it.” (*Editor’s note: The community will also honor America’s Armed Forces Saturday on Armed Forces Day.*)

Columbus AFB Spotlight

Name: Airman 1st Class Grantland Case, 14th Medical Operations Squadron

Duty title: Aeromedical apprentice

Time on station: 1 year, 4.5 months

Time in service: 1 year, 10 months

Hometown: Fresno, Calif.

Previous bases: Brooks AFB, Texas

Hobbies: Bow fishing, hunting, golf and archery.

Activities: Currently on the medical group softball team; played football and coached volleyball the last two seasons.

Goals: To graduate from the U.S. Air Force Academy and become a pilot.

Favorite quote: “The greatest harm can result from the best intentions.”



Airman 1st Class Grantland Case
14th Medical Operations Squadron,
Aeromedical apprentice



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Air Force



News

Commander sends message

RANDOLPH AFB, Texas — Gen. Donald Cook, commander of Air Education and Training Command, has released his second video message to the field to prepare the members of the command for the summer recreation and travel season ahead.

The safety message concerning the period known as the “101 Critical Days of Summer” has been posted on the commander’s Web page and is mandatory for all people in the command to view, said Col. Herb Foret, AETC director of safety.

People can see the five-minute message on the AETC public site’s “From The Commander” Web page at www.aetc.randolph.af.mil/pa/aetcc.

“The venue and method of viewing the AETC commander’s message is totally at the discretion of wing, group and squadron commanders,” Foret said. “All assigned personnel, military and civilian, should see the message no later than May 24, the Friday prior to Memorial Day weekend.”

In the video, Cook urges the members of the command to conduct their on- and off-duty activities safely during the period between Memorial Day and Labor Day when, historically, the Air Force experiences a higher rate of mishaps.

“My message to you is simple: Commanders, senior NCOs and supervisors, you must — and I cannot stress the importance of this enough — you must remain personally involved to ensure the safety and well being of your people,” Cook said in his message. “Additionally, everyone must accept responsibility for their personal safety and the safety of those with whom they live and work.”

Thus far in 2002, nine members of the command have lost their lives in mishaps, according to safety statistics. Among those, six people died in car and motorcycle accidents, an instructor and student pilot died in a T-37 aircraft crash, and an NCO was killed while working on an aircraft tow vehicle. (*Courtesy of AETC News*)

Agents get blast out of training

CAMP BULLIS, Texas — Members of a Lackland Air Force Office of Special Investigations detachment dug through the rubble of an exploded vehicle during a training exercise May 2 at Camp Bullis.

The vehicle was blown apart to give agents of the Antiterrorism Specialty Team from AFOSI Detachment 252 the opportunity to inspect the debris in an attempt to determine what type of explosive caused the blast.

“The course gives our agents basic knowledge on how to investigate crime scenes involving explosives,” said Special Agent Kevin Doski, Det. 252 operations officer.

The drill served as the final test for agents participating in a post-bomb blast course conducted by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms. During the course, students learned how to identify types of explosives and components of explosive devices. They also studied phases of explosions and different investigative techniques.

In this exercise, the car was blown by half a pound of military C4 contained in a two-inch plastic pipe equipped with a digital timer, Agent Doski said.

The course also gives agents the ability to provide initial post-bomb crime scene processing at deployed locations until further assistance arrives, Agent Doski said. (*Courtesy of AETC News*)

14th Support Group wins Combat Challenge

Airman Alexis Lloyd
Public affairs

The 14th Support Group won the Combat Challenge, a base-wide fitness competition, Wednesday at the fitness and sports center.

The teams formed up at 6 a.m. on the lawn outside the fitness center in BDUs to battle against other units in the most



Photos by Airman Alexis Lloyd

Col. Jim Playford, 2nd Lt. Michelle Perez, Master Sgt. Paul McClain and Master Sgt. Lashon Webb, Combat Challenge 14th Support Group team, complete the two-mile run.

Blood drive: CAFB gives gift of life

Airman Alexis Lloyd
Public affairs

A blood drive is from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. May 24 at the health and wellness center together with the 14th Medical Group, the fitness and sports center, the HAWC and Mississippi Blood Services.

“The 14th Flying Training Wing and the 14th Medical Group urge every person to donate blood,” said 1st Lt. Jimmey Labit, 14th Medical Support Squadron.

According to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, volunteers now provide virtually all of the nation’s supply.

“The blood supply dwindles mainly during the summer months and during the holiday season when many people are traveling and out of their normal donating area and routine,” Labit said. “Donors are needed year-round to ensure an ample supply of blood is available when donations are low.”

Giving blood is simple and easy, Labit said. The entire process takes about 45 minutes — five to 10 minutes to donate the blood and 35 to 40 minutes for paperwork and minor health screening.

“I’m donating my blood to help out others that are in need,” said Airman Jake Rewerts, 14th Medical Operations Squadron.

Everyone who donates will receive a free T-shirt. The squadron that has the highest percentage of donations will be presented with a trophy at one of Commander’s Calls. Also, participating in the drive will earn a person three points toward a trip to the Bahamas or Jamaica, part of the Mission Fitness 2002 activities.

“The base blood program officer scheduled this

push-ups, sit-ups and a timed two-mile run.

The teams for the Combat Challenge were made up of four people: a squadron commander, a first sergeant and two other people, but each team had to have at least one female.

To ensure there wouldn’t be any injuries, the teams did calisthenics for 10 minutes prior to the competition.

Each person on the team had two minutes to do as many push-ups as possible. The 14th Civil Engineer Squadron had the most push-ups with a team total of 311.

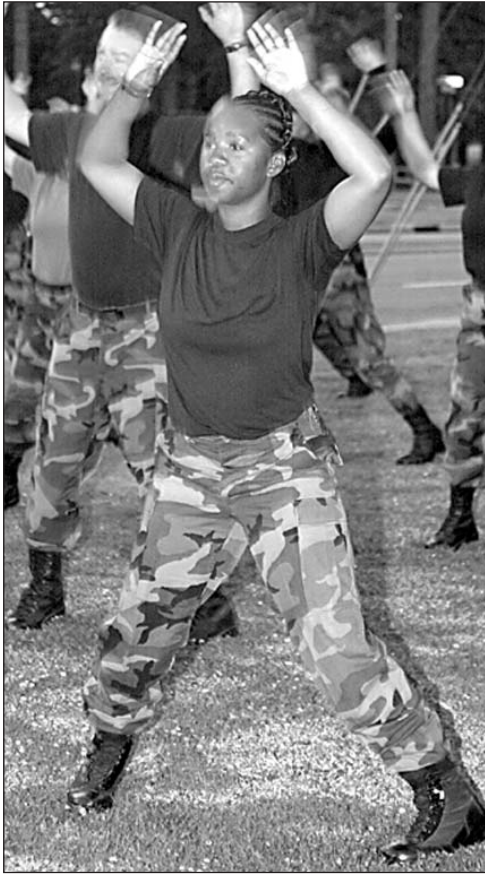
The teams also had two minutes to accomplish as many sit-ups as they could. The 14th SPTG had the most sit-ups with a total of 310.

To finish up the morning, the teams ran two miles. The teams had to start the race together and cross the finish line together. The 14th SPTG ran the two miles with the fastest time of 16:45.

“My team really cheered me on during the run,” said Airman 1st Class Deandria Edwards, 14th Security Forces Squadron. “The distance really beat me up, even though it was only two miles.”

The units that participated were the 14th Operations Support Squadron, 14th SPTG, 14th Services Division, 14th Mission Support Squadron, 14th SFS, 14th CES, 14th Communications Squadron and 14th Logistics Division.

“Events like this support unit and base camaraderie by getting us all out there as a team,” said Staff Sgt. Rhonda Knipmeyer, 14th SV.



Airman 1st Class Deandria Edwards, 14th Security Forces Squadron team, warms up by doing jumping jacks with the other competitors.

Committee hosts Asian-American heritage event

Airman Alexis Lloyd
Public affairs

The multicultural committee hosts the Asian-American observance from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Saturday in the foyer at the exchange.

The event highlights Asian-Pacific American heritage through food and music.

“This is a good way to learn about another culture and a way to understand the Asian-American culture,” said Senior Airman Kim Whiteside, 14th Communications Squadron.

“We are handing out leis and brochures about Asian-Pacific Americans,” Whiteside said. Lumpia, a traditional Filipino dish, is also offered.

During this month, Americans celebrate cultural traditions, ancestry, native languages and unique experiences represented among more than 30 ethnic groups from Asia and the Pacific found in the United States, said President George W. Bush.

“We also recognize millions of Asian-Pacific Americans whose love of family, hard work and community has helped unite us as a people and sustain us as a nation,” Bush said. “We proudly celebrate Asian-Pacific Americans, one of the fastest growing ethnic groups in the United States, for their remarkable role in our nation’s development.”

For more information, call Whiteside at Ext. 2953.

Powerful words

Col. Russell Frasz
14th Operations Group



Years ago in a Management 101 course, my professor scribbled several words on the board and told all of us, “Here’s 50 percent of your final exam. These are the most powerful words in the English language.” He stated these words could change an entire work environment; they can encourage people to work harder; and actually reduce a manager’s workload.

So, what were these most powerful words? *Please* and *thank you*.

You know, over my almost 24 years in the Air Force, I can honestly tell you that my professor’s teachings were so true, and I see it countless times around Columbus AFB. For example, several weeks ago while in line at the commissary, I watched three separate customers go through the checkout line without even saying one word to the cashier. No words spoken, no smiles ... almost robots. Then I used those most powerful words. The standard “Paper or plastic?” was answered with, “Plastic, please ... how are you doing today?” A face was brightened, and where I heard a cold “ID” on the earlier customers, I now got “Good morning, ID please

... sure, here you go ... thank you” ... smiles around.

No section or organization is immune. In my very own group, I occasionally get student critiques that the duty desk personnel are cold and rude. Then our hard-working duty desk folks give me and the first sergeant feedback that the lieutenant students are, you guessed it, cold and rude. How can this happen? Student and instructor pilots all too often approach the various duty desks with, “I got the 1320 [takeoff time] go.” No “Good afternoon” or “How’s it going Airman Jones, I have the 1320 go, please.” They don’t follow that up with a short, “Thanks a lot” when they are given their assigned jet’s tail number and parking location. Busy, focused students, but unfortunately, too busy and too focused that they didn’t pause and use the most powerful words in the English language.

I challenge each and every member of the BLAZE team to try it out. Make these most powerful words part of your daily routine. Render a kind greeting; start your request with a “please” and end it with a “thank you” and you will get a totally different response, customer service or support. The best thing about these words are they never run out, they’re very contagious and can change the attitude of each BLAZE member. You’ll find each member from any organization will respond in kind with the next person, and maybe not overnight, but eventually, a transformation of the work environment will occur.

STRAIGHT TALK LINE

Col. Tom Quelly, 14th Flying Training Wing commander, and 14th Security Forces Squadron members Staff Sgt. Albert Verastegui, Senior Airman Michelle Sweeny, Tech. Sgt. Kip Huston, Staff Sgt. Preston Holt and Rex stand in front of the Memorial Wall after the National Police Week Candlelight Vigil Monday. The week’s events also included a luncheon with the state director of the highway patrol, Col. L. M. Claiborne and bowl-a-thon, a parade through the housing areas led by McGruff and a 5K fun run that began at the fitness and sports center today.



Tech. Sgt. Jim Moser

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Choose substance

Tech. Sgt. Don Crosby
20th Air Force

Recently I had the privilege to attend a promotion ceremony for a young troop who had just sewn on his staff sergeant stripes.

It has been a privilege to watch him the past several years, and I’ve been impressed with his motivation, skill and dedication at every turn.

During the ceremony, I thought back to a former supervisor and the lesson I learned from him way back in the ‘80s. I was a young buck sergeant.

Despite the severe gap in our ages and his advancing years, he taught me one of the simplest, most profound, guiding principles I’ve ever learned.

He called me aside one afternoon for what back then was called “a talk.”

“There’s something I want you to remember,” he said. “As you go through your Air Force career, you’re going to find two

kinds of people. One kind are called ‘flash.’ Those are the ones who like their names up in lights, who draw attention to themselves. They’re great at talking out loud, great at starting things, but seldom around to finish the job.

“The other kind of people you’ll meet are called ‘substance.’ Those are the ones who show up early, stay late, do what it takes to get the job done ... whether it’s ‘their’ job or not. They just sink their teeth in and go.

“I hope you always choose substance over flash, they’ll always stick with you ... you can always count on them.”

Of all the lessons and principles I’ve learned and had to relearn over the past several years, nothing is clearer to me today than that talk my supervisor and I had about “flash and substance.”

(Courtesy of Air Force Space Command News Service)

Tennis court walls

Question: I was wondering when the walls of the tennis courts would be put back up and is in-line skating authorized on the tennis courts?

Response: Thank you for your inquiry. As you are aware, we have made continuous improvements to the courts over the past several months. The backboards were the last phase of these improvements and were completed on May 9. We apologize for the delay, but some of the required materials were not readily available. We do not allow in-line skating on the tennis courts due to potential interference with tennis players. We are working to build a skating surface adjacent to the tennis courts. Again, thank you for using our Straight Talk program, and we hope you enjoy the new tennis courts.

Col. Tom Quelly

Key phone numbers

Base Exchange.....	434-6013
Chaplain.....	434-2500
Civil Engineer Service Desk.....	434-2856
Civilian Personnel.....	434-2635
Clinic:	
Family Practice.....	434-2172
Appointment Desk.....	434-2273
After Hours Care.....	434-2273
Columbus Club.....	434-2489
Commissary.....	434-7106
Finance.....	434-2706
Housing Maintenance.....	434-7270
Inspector General.....	434-2927
Legal Office.....	434-7030
Military Equal Opportunity.....	434-2591
Security Forces.....	434-7129
Shoppette.....	434-6026

Commissary Awareness Month

Single servicemembers shown how they can benefit as well

FORT LEE, Va. — Commissaries sell groceries at cost as part of the military benefits package, but a surprising number of young singles still think they have to be married to shop in the commissary.



Senior Airman Amanda Mills

Airman 1st Class Christopher Clinton, 14th Flying Training Wing Command Post, shops for shampoo in the health and beauty aids section of the commissary Tuesday.

“One of the most effective ways we have of teaching single military members that the commissary benefit is just as much for them as it is for anyone else, is to simply show them,” said Kaye Kennedy, chief of corporate communications for the Defense Commissary Agency.

One of the most significant activities of 2002 Commissary Awareness Month is the single service member commissary tours. During the tours, single service members can get a look behind the scenes and learn how they can save 30 percent or more by shopping at the commissary.

“Shopping regularly at the commissary can be a major savings for singles as well as families,” Kennedy said.

In addition to learning about the many conveniences the commissary offers, ranging from express lunches to Grab-n-Go sections, singles learn about the savings on health and beauty products, snacks and beverages and much more.

“We [the Columbus AFB

Commissary] usually give our tours to the First Term Airmen Center students, so they know about the commissary’s benefits within their first few weeks here,” said Ike Walker, commissary director.

“My tour helped me learn my way around the commissary,” said Airman Amber Ashy, 14th Civil Engineer Squadron readiness. “I also learned that if I find a better deal on something somewhere else, the commissary will match that price, which is really nice.”

In 2001, the Better Opportunities for Single Soldiers Commissary Awareness Campaign brought over 8,000 participants through 35 commissary locations worldwide. For 2002, the single service tours have expanded. An industry committee, the Consumer Awareness Team, is funding shopping spree at more than 30 locations.

At other locations worldwide, many commissaries and single service programs will organize tours and local vendors will provide samples, coupons and food to support the educational effort.

Asian-Pacific Month Volunteer Spotlight



**1st Lt. Evan Gallegos
37th Flying Training Squadron instructor pilot**

Hometown: Phoenix, Ariz.

What does this month mean to you?: It has been enjoyable learning about a different culture that I am not very familiar with. I encourage everyone who is around this weekend to stop by the exchange to hear some native music, eat some authentic food and check out some of the other things on display to facilitate education and awareness of Asian-Pacific heritage.

E-mail can be friend or foe to military people

Col. Paul Capasso
Air Education and Training Command

Whether sitting at a desktop computer at work or at home, or in the middle of a vast desert using a personal digital assistant, e-mail provides us a worldwide means to exchange information.

While e-mail provides our warfighters another tool to aid in the successful completion of their missions, it comes with risks — the risk that an adversary may intercept vital information; the risk that a computer virus or denial-of-service attack can bring this communications capability to a standstill; the risk of an adversary impersonating — or as it’s referred to in the world of computer hackers — spoofing — a legitimate military entity; and the risk of classified information being compromised by transmission through unclassified e-mail systems.

To support the warfighter, the Air Force is implementing several programs that will enhance our ability to communicate throughout the entire spectrum of conflict. The Defense Message System provides us a means to securely send and receive e-mail while providing authentication between sender and receiver. The new Common Access Card will not only replace our current ID cards, it will also enable us to use public key infrastructure to authenticate e-mails. The Air Force Common User Virtual Private Network provides encryption between Air Force bases to further secure e-mail messages.

But as fate has it, there is not a single technological silver bullet available that will protect us from a determined adversary. Because we must be prepared to operate in an environment of cyber uncertainty, risk

management and mitigation are critical tools in the Air Force’s toolbox to ensure we can leverage the advantages information technology has to offer. Mitigation of risks is accomplished through policies, standards, processes, tools, training and awareness in dealing with incidents to ensure our networks are available for use when and where it is required.

These tools, however, are only as good as you, the user, understand and remain actively engaged in the information security process.

As the campaign continues, we challenge you to

become the key link in the information assurance process and to increase your understanding of the vital components that comprise this critical program.

More information is available at the Air Force’s Information Assurance Campaign 2002 Web site at www.afca.scott.af.mil/ip or on the AETC Web site at www.aetc.af.mil/sc/.

(Editor’s Note: Each major command in the Air Force is responsible each month for publicizing a different topic for the information assurance awareness campaign. The topic for AETC in May is e-mail.)

GI Mail keeps loved ones within reach

Master Sgt. Ron Tull
Air Force Print News

While there may not be a laptop in every mobility bag, service members with Web access are finding their families are only a few keystrokes away thanks to a 1997 Air Mobility Command initiative that has spread Air Force-wide.

Global Internet Mail, or GI Mail, is a secure means to allow service members and their families to reliably communicate with each other through e-mail. The service, found at www.gimail.af.mil/, is one of many programs that keep families in touch, such as morale calls and video teleconferencing.

While it is similar to commercial e-mail services, there is one key difference — bandwidth.

“Commercial-driven services take up a lot of

bandwidth because of the advertising that comes along with the free service,” said Maj. Jay Doherty, chief of Air Force Family Matters at the Pentagon. “GI Mail functions in every theater of operations because it is on a military server with no advertising or anything extra.

“And, since government networks are limited to military access only due to a hacking or virus threat, GI Mail will be allowed through when other services won’t because it’s a military domain,” he said.

“We know that when we’re separated from our families, there is anxiety that can cause a lack of focus on the mission, Doherty said. “If our total force members know their families are taken care of and that they can stay in communication, they’ll perform better.”

Services: Check out what we have to offer

✓ **All ranks bingo:** Bingo is at 5:30 p.m. every Friday at the community center. Played are two \$25 games, two \$50 games and one \$500 progressive jackpot with a consolation prize of \$50 if the jackpot does not go in 54 numbers or less.

Cost is \$1 for a 2-on-1 card for the \$25 games, \$1.50 for a 3-on-1 card for the \$50 games and \$1 for a single card for the jackpot game. Call Ext. 2489.

✓ **Enlisted lounge entertainment:** Disc jockey Kool Kleve entertains from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. today.

✓ **Western buffet:** The Columbus Club’s Tuesday night buffet features Western cuisine from 5 to 7:30 p.m. Price is \$7.95 for club members and \$10.95 for nonmembers. Call Ext. 2489.

✓ **Crafts classes:** The skills development center offers crafts class for adults and children. Upcoming classes for adults is a soap-making class at 11 a.m., 2 p.m. or 6 p.m. Tuesday. Cost is \$5 and includes supplies. Deadline to register is today.

Make a decorative tin at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. or 6 p.m. May 30. Cost is \$5 and includes supplies. Deadline to register is May 24.

The upcoming youth classes are making bug soap Wednesday or Thursday and making puzzle frames May 20 or May 30. Class times are 11 a.m., 2:30 p.m. or 4 p.m. Wednesdays and 5 p.m. Thursdays.

Cost is \$4 and includes all supplies. Stop by the center to check out the display of projects or call Ext. 7836.

✓ **Mom and me trip:** The youth center offers a trip to Birmingham, Ala. to visit the VisionLand theme park May 25. Cost is \$3 plus admission to the park. Register by Wednesday.

Children 12 and younger must be accompanied by a parent. Must have at least eight registered to offer. Call Ext. 2504.

✓ **Summer camp registration:** The youth center offers a summer camp program starting May 28. Cost is based on family income.

A registration fee of \$10 for each week registered is required. Also, bring in both the sponsor and spouse’s leave and earnings statement and child’s shot record. Call Ext. 2504.

✓ **Preschool summer camp:** The child development center will offer fun-filled afternoons Tuesday through

Thursday from 1 to 3 p.m. starting May 28.

Deadline to register is May 24. Call Ext. 2478.

✓ **Member rewards program makes return:** Starting June 1, club members in Air Education and Training Command become eligible to win a variety of prizes, including two vacations.

Club members purchasing \$2 or more in food from their club automatically receive a *Member Rewards* entry form. Details of the promotion are coming soon. Call Ext. 2489.

✓ **White water rafting trip:** Register at outdoor recreation for the white water rafting trip June 1 to 3 on the Ocoee River in Tennessee.

Cost is \$95 and includes transportation, river trip, two nights lodging and two meals. Call Ext. 7858.

✓ **Library goes automated:** The base library will be closed June 17 to 23 for training on the new automated library system. Call Ext. 2934.

✓ **Summer reading program:** The base library’s summer reading program, “Catch a Dragon by the Tale” begins at 9:30 a.m. June 25. Registration for the program is June 10 to 14.

The program is open to students in school grades 1 to 6. Children will meet every Tuesday with awards being given on the last day of the program, Aug. 6. Call Ext. 2934.

✓ **Wood shop classes:** The skills development center offers classes in woodworking for ages 10 and older. Class dates and times are flexible for the student. Several class projects available. Call Ext. 7836.

✓ **Need an oil change?:** The auto skills center offers this service for \$17.95 for most vehicles. Service also includes a road preventative maintenance inspection. Call Ext. 7842 for an appointment.

✓ **Tire installation:** The auto skills center can mount and balance new tires for \$32. Call Ext. 7842 for an appointment.

✓ **Attention runners:** If you are enrolled in the fitness center’s running program and didn’t get a T-shirt, call Airman Daneille Werner at Ext. 2772.



Georgette Price

Jarrod Kidd takes a putt in last year’s junior golf instruction program as others look on.

Youth golf program registration opens

Pam Wickham
Marketing Director

Whispering Pines Golf Course repeats its junior golf instruction program from last year, offering two levels of instruction — Level I for beginners and Level II for those who attended last year.

“Golf is no longer for the young at heart, it is fast becoming the sport of choice for most young people,” said Ricky Magers, Whispering Pines Golf Pro.

The program is open to children, ages six and older and runs for two weeks, meeting from 9 to 10 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and

Friday, June 17 to 28. The last Friday includes a parent/child tournament. Cost is \$49.95 for the Level I program and \$20 for the Level II program.

“Curriculum as a minimum includes full swing, pitching, chipping, sand, putting and golf etiquette,” added Magers.

Youth registered in the level one program will receive a youth set of clubs and those registered in the level two program will receive a wedge to add to their set from last year.

Registration deadline for this program is May 30 and cannot be extended. The program is limited to the first 24 paid registrants. Call Ext. 7932.

Columbus Club Lunch Buffet

**Served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Cost: \$4.95 for members and \$7.50 for nonmembers
Price includes
vegetable of the day, salad and tea**

Today
Fried Catfish
Popcorn
Shrimp
Cherry Cobbler

Monday
Fried Chicken
Grilled Pork
Chops
Peach Cobbler

Tuesday
Meat Loaf
Sweet & Sour
Pork
Banana
Pudding

Wednesday
Beef Tips with
Rice
Chicken
Cacciatore
Apple Cobbler

Thursday
Roast Pork
Loin
BBQ Brisket
Apple
Dumplings

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SUPT Class 02-09 earn silver wings

Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 02-09 graduates at 10 a.m. today during a ceremony at the theater.

The graduation speaker is Gen. Donald Cook, Air Education and Training Command commander, Randolph AFB, Texas. As commander, he is responsible for the recruiting, training and education of Air Force people. His command includes the Air Force Recruiting Service, two numbered air forces and Air University. AETC consists of 13 bases, more than 66,000 active-duty members and 15,000 civilians.

Students receive their silver pilot's wings at the ceremony, and students who excelled in their respective training tracks are recognized.

Second Lts. Samuel Todd, T-1A, and Jackson Whiting, T-38, received the Air Education and Training Command Commander's Trophy for being the most outstanding students overall in their class.

Todd and Whiting also received the Flying Excellence Award for maintaining the highest flying averages in their flights.

First Lt. Michael Thomas, T-1A, received the Academic Excellence Award for maintaining the highest academic average in his flight.

First Lts. Vincent Jacobs, T-1A, and Hans Larsen, T-38, received the Military Training Award for demonstrating outstanding officer and leadership qualities.

The Air Force Association Award was presented to 2nd Lt. Kenneth Weiner, T-1A, and Whiting. The award is presented to a graduate in each flight who excelled in training and typified the tenets of the association — promoting aerospace power and a strong national defense.

Todd, Weiner and Whiting were named distinguished graduates.



The 52-week pilot training program begins with a three-week pre-flight phase of academics and physiological training to prepare students for flight.

The second phase, primary training, is conducted in the twin-engine, subsonic T-37 Tweet. Students learn aircraft flight characteristics, emergency procedures, takeoff and landing procedures, aerobatics and formation flying. Students also practice night, instrument and cross country navigation flying.

Primary training takes about 23 weeks and includes 254.4 hours of ground training, 27.3 hours in the flight simulator and 89 flying hours. After primary training, students select, by order of merit, advanced training in the fighter-bomber or airlift-tanker track. Both tracks are designed to best train pilots for successful transition to their follow-on aircraft and mission.

Advanced training for the fighter track is done in the T-38 Talon, a tandem-seat, twin-engine supersonic jet. T-38 training emphasizes formation, advanced aerobatics and navigation.

Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 381 hours of ground events, 31.6 hours in the flight simulator and 118.7 flying hours. The airlift-tanker track uses the T-1A Jayhawk, the military version of a multi-place business jet. Instruction centers on crew coordination and management. Instrument training, cross-country flying and simulated refueling and airdrop missions. Training takes about 26 weeks and includes 185 hours of ground training, 43 hours in the flight simulator and 104 flying hours. The class reunites on graduation day, when students receive the aeronautical rating of pilot and begin their careers as U.S. Air Force pilots.



1st Lt. Michael Thomas
Springfield, Ohio
C-9, Scott AFB, Ill.



2nd Lt. Corey Aiken
Manchester, N.H.
C-5, Travis AFB, Calif.



2nd Lt. Matthew Bayes
Great Bend, Kan.
KC-135, Topeka, Kan. (ANG)



2nd Lt. Willey Haskett
Newark, N.J.
RC-135, Offutt AFB, Neb.



2nd Lt. Byron Hudgins
Ponchatoula, La.
C-130, Keesler AFB, Miss. (AFRC)



2nd Lt. Edward Kim
Folsom, Pa.
T-37, Columbus AFB, Miss.



2nd Lt. James McGovern
Pittsburgh, Pa.
KC-135, Fairchild AFB, Wash. (ANG)



2nd Lt. Jarrett McNabb
Cedar Hill, Texas
KC-135, Fairchild AFB, Wash.



2nd Lt. Takeshi Okubo
Fukui, Japan
T-2, JASDF



2nd Lt. Samuel Todd
Billings, Mont.
C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.



2nd Lt. Kenneth Weiner
Akron, Ohio
C-17, Charleston AFB, S.C.



2nd Lt. John Welch
Winston-Salem, N.C.
KC-10, McGuire AFB, N.J.



2nd Lt. Jackson Whiting
Columbia, S.C.
F-15C, Tyndall AFB, Fla.



2nd Lt. David Zeytoonjian
Weston, Mass.
F-16, Luke AFB, Ariz.

Columbus AFB kicks its way to good health

Airman Alexis Lloyd
Public affairs

Kickboxing classes for cardiovascular fitness and muscular endurance are at 6 p.m. every Monday and Wednesday in the aerobics room at the fitness and sports center.

The class lasts an hour and is a great workout, said Andrea Misener, class instructor. “Even if you’ve never done kickboxing or any type of martial arts before, you shouldn’t be afraid to take the class,” Misener said. “Most people who are brand new catch on very quickly.

“It takes less coordination than a step class because after learning the basic punch-

es and kicks and the proper form associated with them, the rest of the class centers around these movements.”

The class combines kicking and throwing punches, which develop muscular endurance, with jump roping and plyometric exercises, which develop cardiovascular endurance.

“It’s an intense class, but it’s fun,” said Elizabeth Welch, a class participant.

During this month, a person taking the class will earn points toward Mission Fitness 2002, part of May Fitness Month. Each filled point card earns a person a chance at a trip to the Bahamas or Jamaica. Call Ext. 2772.



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Kara Todd, Elizabeth Welch, Steph Daniels and April Bousquet warm up by doing sidekicks for the kickboxing class May 6 at the fitness and sports center.

SHORTS

Tennis tournament

Capt. Lex Cloutier, 48th Flying Training Squadron, defeated Airman 1st Class Nicholas Rivera-Lough, 14th Operations Support Squadron, in two sets with the score of 6-1 and 6-2 in the championship match of the intramural tennis tournament.

Soccer camp registration

Registration at the youth center ends July 22 for this

program. Before June 7, cost is \$81. After June 7, registration is \$86.

The program is open to children ages 5 and older. Camp is from 8 to 11 a.m. for 5- to 10-year-olds and from 5 to 8 p.m. for ages 11 and older July 22 to 26. Call Ext. 2504.

Bowling special

The bowling center offers a 75-cent game for children

under the age of 12 when accompanied by an adult.

Family members between the ages of 13 to 18 can bowl for \$1.25 per game anytime. Call Ext. 2426.

Thursday scrambles

The Thursday afternoon scrambles at Whispering Pines Golf Course begin at 4:45 p.m.

Entry is \$5 per person plus greens fees for nonmembers.